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GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS: CLIMATE CHANGE

MARCH 16, 2010



The Global Conversations: Climate Change webchat series is part of an interactive online course hosted in partnership with East Carolina University and three of its partner universities in India, Brazil and China. The course is structured around a series of keynote lectures from high-level U.S. government officials.

To participate in this webchat series, visit <https://statedept.connectsolutions.com/globalconversations>. No registration is needed. Simply choose "Enter as a Guest," type in your preferred screen name, and join the discussion. Questions and comments are accepted in advance of, and at any time during the program. Here is more on the upcoming series:

Adapting to Climate Change

March 17, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. EDT (7:00 p.m. Thailand time)

[Dr. Marcia K. McNutt](#), Director and Chief Scientist of the U.S. Geological Survey, will discuss worldwide efforts to monitor climate change, prepare for changing conditions and proactively manage climate-related disasters.

Dr. Marcia K. McNutt is the director of the U.S. Geological Survey, in the Department of the Interior. A distinguished scientist and administrator, she previously served as president and chief executive officer of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), in Moss Landing, California. As a scientist, Dr. McNutt has participated in 15 major oceanographic expeditions and served as chief scientist on more than half of those voyages. She has published 90 peer-reviewed scientific articles. She received a B.A. degree in physics from Colorado College and earned a Ph.D. in earth science from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.



Multilateral and Local Actions

April 7, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. EDT (7:00 p.m. Thailand time)

[Dr. Jonathan Pershing](#), Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change for the Department of State, will discuss multilateral and local actions to affect climate change.

Dr. Jonathan Pershing was sworn in as Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change on March 19, 2009. In this capacity, he will report to Special Envoy Todd Stern and serve as the Department's senior climate negotiator and Head of Delegation at official level meetings of UN climate change conferences. Dr. Pershing brings more than 20 years of domestic and international experience in climate change science, technology, and policy to his new position as a key advisor on United States international climate policy and strategy.

Past Global Conversations: Climate Change Webchats

The Science and Impacts of Climate Change (February 3, 2010)

[Dr. John P. Holdren](#), President Obama's science adviser, discusses the impacts of science and climate change with university students from India, Brazil and China. ([Read transcript](#) || [Watch video](#))

Mitigation Technologies and Policies (February 24, 2010)

Dr. Holmes Hummel, a special policy adviser at the U.S. Department of Energy, discusses the various technologies and policies that are being used to mitigate the progress of climate change, including renewable energy sources. ([Read transcript](#) || [Watch video](#)).

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[Global Conversations: Climate on Facebook](#) - The climate is changing. What will it cost to confront the problem? What is the cost of inaction? Join the the Global Conversation on Climate and discuss courses of action on our Facebook page.

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